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Attached are newsclips from last week.

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Plymouth official quits out of frustration with NRC

By Robert Knox
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PLYMOUTH — The head of the town's Nuclear Matters Committee has resigned, criticizing the nuclear industry's federal regulators for failing to listen to the public's concerns about the security of nuclear power plants such as the Pilgrim plant.

Jeff Berger, owner of a Plymouth-based marketing communications company, chaired the committee that last year produced a lengthy set of recommendations to advise the town on Pilgrim's request to extend its license.

"Bottom line, the NRC" — the Nuclear Regulatory Commission — "is in the pocket of the nuclear industry," Berger stated in an e-mail to Town Manager Mark Sylvia. He also described the agency as consisting of "obstinate, supercilious, arrogant, obnoxious individuals" who care more about the letter of regulations than public safety.

While there was no single incident that soured his view of the NRC, Berger cited the behavior of one official for "looking bored and skyward" when local residents at a meeting in Plymouth criticized Pilgrim and "doing everything but really listening to what people are saying." A lack of genuine attention to public concerns symbolizes the agency's attitude, Berger said.

NRC spokesman Neil Sheehan said anyone with concerns "with or about us" can contact the agency's Office of the Inspector General "if there is a belief that any employee of the NRC is acting inappropriately."

As an example of the agency's attention to public concerns, Sheehan cited a meeting last month with area government officials to update them and answer questions. "We found the session to be extremely productive and the attendees to be highly engaged," Sheehan said via e-mail.

Berger said he volunteered for the Nuclear Matters Committee five years ago over concern that Pilgrim was a tempting target for terrorists, and he still has that worry. He said he initially regarded the NRC as a watchdog but came to see it as the industry's protector rather than the public's.

After Entergy Corp., Pilgrim's owner, announced last winter that it would seek to renew the plant's license, the Nuclear Matters Committee held a well-at-

tended public hearing in Plymouth Library. Pilgrim employees praised the plant's operation, but most other residents raised concerns about security, emergency evacuation, and public health. A month later, the committee issued its report saying selectmen should back relicensing only if issues such as improving emergency response plans and radiation monitoring are addressed.

But despite the committee's report, the town has kept a low profile at public meetings, while private citizens have taken the lead in challenging NRC staff assessments of issues. Duxbury-based Pilgrim Watch, for example, succeeded in convincing the nuclear experts panel that oversees the relicensing review to hold hearings on two issues.

The Nuclear Matters Committee also studied the possibility of forming a national alliance of communities hosting or living near nuclear reactors to advocate to Congress and the federal government for their interests. But Berger said he has grown less hopeful of an alliance's potential to influence decisions. He said he decided to step down from an official role so that he might express his own opinions freely.

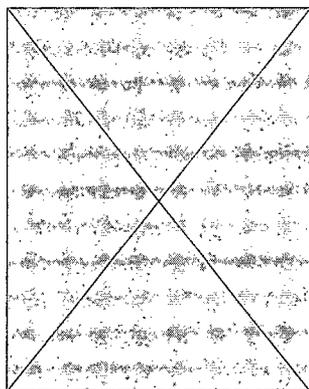
"For the safety of the country, the NRC has to be changed," he said.

In his resignation letter Wednesday, Berger said that at a time of growing concerns over climate change from carbon dioxide emissions, alternatives such as nuclear power should be embraced. However, the NRC "pays only lip service to the issues that should be at the top of its agenda and routinely ignores" voices of genuine concern, such as the state attorney general's, he said.

Attorney General Tom Reilly's recent petition to place the issue of on-site storage of nuclear waste on the table for licensing review was turned down by the NRC.

The NRC will hold a meeting in Plymouth on Jan. 24 to take public comment on the agency's recent environmental impact report, which concluded there are no likely environmental consequences from keeping Pilgrim open that are serious enough to throw renewal into question.

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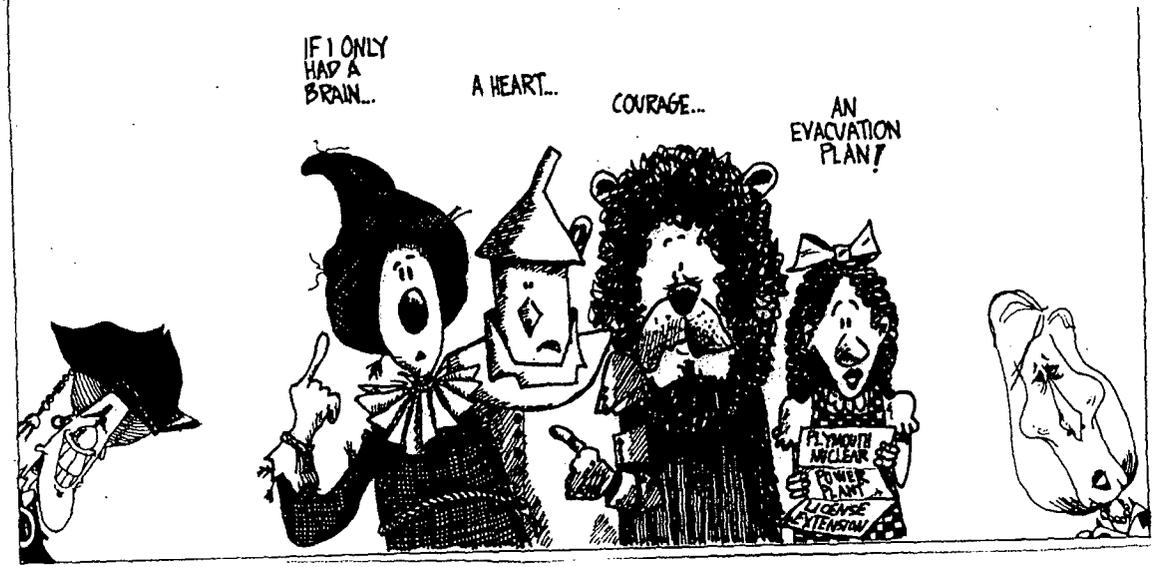
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Property taxes hold, for now

PLYMOUTH - The tax rate in Plymouth will decrease, but property taxes will stay about the same in 2007.

Selectmen decided in December to keep the unified tax rate, despite the protests of many homeowners who say commercial property owners are not paying their fair share.

However, Director of Assessing Anne Dunn has said the commercial base in Plymouth is much too small to handle a shift in the tax burden.

The tax rate for 2007 will be \$9.96 per \$1,000 assessed value for both residential and commercial properties. That is a 23-cent decrease from the fiscal year 2006 rate of \$9.88 per \$1,000.

According to Dunn, the average residential tax bill will be \$3,457.43, a \$44.88 increase over the average tax bill in 2006.

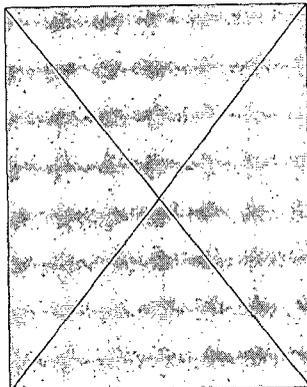
But fiscal year 2008 is looming. It begins July 1, 2007.

The payment in lieu of taxes made by Entergy will decrease

by \$10 million in 2008.

The town is negotiating an agreement with Entergy, the owner of Pilgrim nuclear power plant, for a new payment in lieu of taxes agreement. The current agreement expires in 2012, when Pilgrim's operating license expires. Entergy wants to extend the plant's operating license for another 20 years.

The town has put aside money in a stabilization fund, but that fund only has enough money to cover the loss for two years.



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Berger resigns

Nuclear Matters Committee member frustrated by NRC

By Casey Meserve
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PLYMOUTH - Calling the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a "contemptible sham" Jeff Berger resigned from the Nuclear Matters committee Wednesday afternoon in an email to Town Manager Mark Sylvia.

Berger, formerly the committee chairman, had been on the NMC for five years.

He said his resignation stems from the frustration he's felt when the committee

review. The NRC does not look at evacuation or emergency planning in the environmental review.

He wrote that the NRC was created as a watchdog over nuclear power, but has become a lapdog for the nuclear industry.

Berger wrote that he is not opposed to nuclear power, and still thinks it is a viable way to decrease the use of fossil fuels, which emit carbon dioxide, adding to global warming.

"It seems to me that states



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Relicensing continues

The process to extend the nuclear power plant's license will run through the year

PLYMOUTH - It has been nearly a year since Entergy applied to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to renew the operating license of Pilgrim nuclear power plant and it may be another year before the NRC makes its final decision.

The relicensing process for Pilgrim will continue in 2007. It will probably extend into 2008, if Pilgrim Watch and the attorney general's office have anything to do about it.

Pilgrim Watch, a nuclear power watchdog group, along with Mass. Attorney General Tom Reilly filed petitions to intervene in the relicensing process with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The attorney general's petition was turned down, and is being appealed, but several contentions in Pilgrim Watch's petition were admitted.

However, Entergy and NRC staff members filed appeals to have Pilgrim Watch's con-

tentions thrown out.

It will be up to the five members of the presidentially appointed commission to make the final decision on Pilgrim Watch and the attorney general.

NRC spokesman Neil Sheehan said if one or more hearing is granted, the relicensing process will take about 30 months. Without a hearing, the process usually takes 22 months.

"If no hearing is granted, there could be a final decision on the Pilgrim application in late November," Sheehan said. "If there is a hearing granted, we're looking for a decision in July, 2008."

Pilgrim Watch and the attorney general's office, with Martha Coakley as the new attorney general, are hoping the process lasts until 2008.

In the meantime, the public meeting process continues.

The NRC will hold two public meetings in January to describe the results of the NRC's environmental review of Pilgrim. The commission released a draft of its environmental impact statement concerning the impact Pilgrim has on the environment surrounding the plant.

"We're still firming up the dates for public meetings," said Sheehan.

He said the meetings are

tentatively scheduled for Jan. 24.

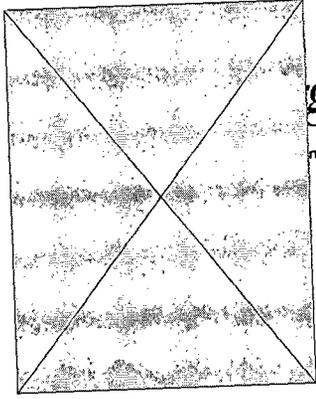
Comments from the January meeting will be taken under consideration as the NRC staff prepares the final environmental report, to be issued in July.

Another report will also be issued in July. The safety evaluation report with open items, a report on the safety and aging of the plant and its components, will be issued that month, with a draft version issued in May.

A public meeting will be held sometime in the summer on the safety evaluation report.

A fourth step in the process will also be concluded this year. The advisory committee on reactor safeguards, a panel of nuclear reactor safety experts, acts as an advisory committee to the NRC. The advisory committee will discuss the Pilgrim application during a subcommittee meeting in April. The full advisory committee will discuss the application in September, according to Sheehan.

The public is invited to ask questions concerning the environmental review and may comment in writing to the NRC by Feb. 28 at Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T6-D59, Washington, DC 20555-0001.



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The environmental and security threats of Pilgrim

Duxbury is directly across the bay from a nuclear power reactor – a known terrorist target. Are you satisfied with current security measures? For example, will a couple of buoys floating “No Trespassing” signs and an occasional Coast Guard drive-by keep terrorists out? Will passenger screening limited to major airports protect against smaller aircraft loaded with explosives leaving secondary airports? Will state police get to Pilgrim on time to provide the support needed by onsite security guards to block a land-based attack? And appreciating that even the best security can reduce, but not eliminate, the

ties, including Duxbury, impacted by Pilgrim’s emissions. They found a four-fold increase the closer one lived or worked at Pilgrim and made four recommendations, yet to be implemented as intended. The recommendations included requiring a system of real-time monitoring of radionuclide emissions placed in surrounding communities so that reliable and timely data would be available to assess exposure; implementing a state allowable radioactive air emission standard more stringent and protective of public health than currently in use by federal regulatory



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Nuke watchdog head resigns, blasts NRC

By Patriot Ledger staff

PLYMOUTH - The head of a town committee that acts as a watchdog over the Pilgrim nuclear plant has resigned, calling the Nuclear Regulatory Commission "a contemptible sham" that imperils the safety of people who live near nuclear plants.

Jeff Berger stepped down this week as chairman of the nuclear matters committee.

"I am far too busy, and my time is far too valuable, to waste any more of it banging my head against the NRC wall when it is clear that the arrogance, haughtiness, bull-headedness, and overall incompetence of the NRC continues unabated," Berger said in his resignation letter to selectmen.

A spokeswoman for Pilgrim plant owner Entergy declined to comment on Berger's resignation, but said the company will continue to cooperate with the committee.

Commission spokesman Neil Sheehan said the agency will forward Berger's comments to the Office of Inspector General, an independent body that investigates "any concerns about fraud or abuse or inappropriate behavior by an agency employee."

"We're not aware of any interactions between Mr. Berger and us that would provoke this sort of comment," Sheehan said.

Berger served on the committee for almost five years, longer than any other member. He was the only one who remained on the panel after it disintegrated last year amid complaints that selectmen had not provided adequate leadership, some members did not participate and a Pilgrim spokesman had treated them rudely. Selectmen revived the group in May 2005 by appointing six new members.

More recently, Berger and other committee members have clashed with federal regulators over Pilgrim owner Entergy's bid to extend the plant's license.

Members criticized evacuation plans to protect the public in an accident or terrorist attack against Pilgrim and said the commission's requirements are inadequate.

Berger echoed many of those criticisms in his resignation letter. He likened the approved emergency plans to "children's fairy tales" and said the commission "gives lip service to the still very real prospect of a terrorist attack" on the Pilgrim plant.

"Entergy is obeying the law but behaving in a way that will endanger the people of Plymouth in a serious nuclear accident or attack because the NRC negligently (and stupidly) allows it to," he wrote.

He also criticized regulators for allowing the plant to test for "potentially lethal emissions" of radiation in only one location, inside Pilgrim property. If a plume of radiation changes course, people fleeing an accident or attack might be sent to an area in the path of the emissions, he said.

Sheehan said the commission's rules bar considering evacuation plans during license renewal proceedings. "That needs to be dealt with on an ongoing basis," he said.

Berger said he had asked to join the committee soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, where his daughter-in-law had been working on that day. "My reason for joining was deep concern about the possibility of an attack on Pilgrim Station," he said.

At the time, he was "neutral" about the nuclear power industry, he said. He still does not oppose nuclear plants but he is no longer unbiased about the commission, Berger said.

Plymouth needs an unbiased chairman for its Nuclear Matters Committee, Berger said.



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Nuke watchdog panel head quits in huff over NRC

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PLYMOUTH—The head of a town committee that acts as a watchdog over the Pilgrim nuclear plant has quit out of frustration with weak federal regulators who endanger the public, he says.

Jeff Berger resigned Wednesday as chairman of the Nuclear Matters Committee, calling the Nuclear Regulatory Commission "a contemptible sham" that "imperils the safety of American citizens" living near nuclear plants.

"I am far too busy, and my time is far too valuable, to waste any more of it banging my head against the NRC wall when it is clear that the arrogance, haughtiness, bull-headedness, and overall incompetence of the NRC continues unabated," Berger said in his resignation letter to selectmen.

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Where agendas clash

Relicensing the nuclear power plant brings out true believers on both sides

PLYMOUTH – Pilgrim nuclear power plant's original license expires in 2012, but plant owner Entergy decided to begin the renewal process a little early.

From the first public hearing on the relicensing process in March, no speaker at any hearing has lacked an agenda.

Whether it was marine life, watershed associations, public safety or taxes, everyone who spoke at the NRC's public meetings became an advocate for something, and was either for relicensing or against it.

Entergy is Plymouth's largest employer and provides the town with about 11 percent of its municipal budget. In 2008, however, Entergy's payments in lieu of taxes will decrease by \$10 million until Pilgrim's operating license expires in 2012.

Relicensing the plant could mean a windfall to the town's coffers, or it could be a bust. In May,

Town Meeting agreed to spend \$1.5 million to hire a team of lawyers to negotiate a payment plan with Entergy.

Because the NRC has systems in place to plan for emergencies and test those plans, evacuation and related issues fall outside the relicensing process. As do the issue of spent fuel storage on plant property. Those issues have not disappeared yet, as a California court ordered the NRC to consider ter-

rorism and emergency planning as it reviews licensing applications.

The NRC has never refused a relicensing application for a commercial nuclear power plant. Thirty-nine plants have received 20-year extensions.

In December, the NRC came out with a draft of the environmental impact statement. The report stated that relicensing the plant would have a small to moderate impact on the population of winter flounder in

Cape Cod Bay and rainbow smelt in the Jones River.

Former Massachusetts Attorney General Thomas Reilly and the nonprofit watchdog group Pilgrim Watch petitioned the NRC to intervene in the relicensing process.

That process will last 22 to 30 months. Relicensing would allow the plant to operate for another 20 years. Entergy can file for a second operating extension then.